AF / 1607

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

n re Application of)
ZHELNIN and BLOOMQUIST) Group Art Unit: 1647
Serial No. 09/899,532) Examiner: S. Gucker
Filing Date: July 6, 2001)) Docket No. 02973.00040

For: HUMAN NEUROPEPTIDE Y-LIKE G PROTEIN-COUPLED RECEPTOR

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Customer Service Window, Mail Stop AF Randolph Building 401 Dulany Street Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the final Office Action mailed October 20, 2004 in the application referenced above. Please charge the fee for a one-month extension of time and any other fee which may be due to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Claims 1-37 are pending. Claims 9-11 and 13-37 are withdrawn. Claims 1-8 and 12 stand rejected.

The following item accompanies this paper:

• a declaration of the inventors under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131, including Exhibits 1-24.

Please enter the following amendments.

03/03/2005 GTRANHEL 00000002 190733 05859532

01 FC:1251

120.00 DA

Respectfully submitted,

BANNER & WITCOFF, LTD.

Date: February 18, 2005

By

Michelle Holmes-Son Registration No. 47,660

Customer No. 22907